Diploma Course in Homoeopathic Pharmacy

1151. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for starting Diploma course in Homoeopathic Pharmacy in Government recognised institutes in the country is under active consideration of Government;

(b) whether Government are also considering to have a prescribed syllabus for education and establishment of a Homoeopathic Pharmacy Council for registration of Homoeopathic Pharmacists; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Proposals for starting pharmacy courses in Homoeopathy, and setting up a homoeopathy pharmacy council are under the consideration of the Government.

IMC's Suggestion for Panel on Population Control

1152. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the, plans/schemes commenced during the past few years to benefit the common man, could not yield tangible results be cause of population explosion;

(b) whether Indian Medical Council has suggested to Government for creation of a panel to suggest effective measures to control population explosion in the country; and

(c) if so, by when such a panel is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) Fast growth of population has, to some extent, diluted the beneficial effects of the developmental programmes and schemes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In the recent past, the Government had constituted several high level committees and experts groups to advise it on the steps to be taken for population stabilization in the country. Taking into consideration suggestions from these Committees a draft National Policy has been prepared by the Ministry of Helath and Family Welfare, which is at present under Government's consideration. The draft Policy addresses some of the issues highlighted by the IMA resolution.

Imposition of Ban on Colouring of Foods and Drinks

1153. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even the permitted colours used in Sweets, Pas* tries, Colias, fast foods are injurious to health and even carcinogenic;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to curb and progressively ban all colouring of foods and drinks;

(c) if so, What are the details in this regard; and

(d) if hot, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 permit only those colours which have been recognised as safe by FAO/WHO. Morever use of thse colurs is permitted only in specified articles of food within prescribed limits. |

(b) to (d) A multicentric study on intake of Food colours has already been initiated to review use of synthetic colours in food.

Non-Approval of Formulary for C.G.H.S. Dispensaries

1154. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:'

(a) whether it is a fact that regular supplies of common medicines to C.G.H.S. dispensaries have been held up due to non-approval of fomulary;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in approval of fromulary by Government; and

(c) by when Government would approve the formulary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) to (c) In procurement of the regular supply of the listed formulary medicines was held up due to non-approval of the formulary. However, the formulary for Generic items has already been approved on 13.1.99 During this period, the non-available medicines were procured from the authorised local Chemists against individual valid prescriptions.

Amendment to P.F.A. Act

1155. MISS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMI LY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prevention of Food Adult eration Act is pending with the Central Govemment for amendment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the Act is likely to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) and (b) Amendment of a statue such as Prevention of Adulteration Act 1954 is an on-going process which is resorted to from time to time in order to make the provisions of the law effective in providing clean and wholesome food to the consumers. However, keeping in view the Report of the Task Force on Food Laws and the Report of the Commission to review administrative laws certain amendments may be necessary which are yet to be finalised by the Government.

Making the All India Institute of Unani Medicine Functional

1156. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HELATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Institute of Unani Medicine, started in 1982, is still not functional even after fifteen years of its establishment; if so, the reasons therefore;

(b) whether Government intend seriously to have fully functional institute of Unani Medicine in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons for not making the said Institute fully functional;

(d) total amount provided for the Institute during the last 15 years; and

(e) what is the time-frame to make it fully functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) to (e) The National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore, a joint venture of the Govt. of India and Govt. of Karnataka was registered as a Society under the Karnataka Society Registration Act, 1960 in December, 1984. The Institute earlier could not become functional due to non-availability of sufficient funds. However, with the setting up of the independent Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy in in March, 1995, adequate funds have